

The City of Frederick, Maryland
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of April 9, 2013

(Approved June 11, 2013)

Members Present: M. Lawrence, J. Baldi, R. Fox, J. Grove, J. Myers, L. Hill, M. Long

Regrets: C. Meierhoefer

Staff Present: R. Myers, K. Winterstein, M. O'Connor, M. Bowman, Lt. DeGrange

Absent: R. Knight

Meeting called to order by J. Baldi at 7:04 p.m.

1. Review of the March 12, 2013 minutes:

Motion by J. Myers to approve the minutes as submitted
2nd by J. Grove
All in favor.

2. Review and discussion of a request by Pit Pride Inc. and United 2 Save Animals to allow alcohol to be served at their 2nd annual "Pit Pride Festival" event in Carroll Creek Urban Park on September 21, 2013.

Katie Makrides presented the following information:

- This is the second event at this location and the first time requesting to serve alcohol;
- Event is to promote knowledge of these types of animals as well as all dogs;
- Working with many local animal groups including the Frederick County Humane Society as well as the Animal Shelter;

Motion by J. Grove to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to allow alcohol to be served at the "Pit Pride Festival" event at the Carroll Creek Urban Park;
2nd J. Myers
ALL in favor.

3. Review and discussion of a request to establish a park for the Lillard family in the City Park system.

Mr. Jack Lillard spoke offering the following:

- Memorial playground at the proposed development on the former VFW property;
- Park to be named in their daughter's memory.

R. Myers stated he has met with the family and developer.

- The project is currently in the preliminary City Planning process;
- Proposed development is certainly a viable location;
- Developer fully supports this park proposal;
- Received a letter from a professional in the state of Virginia Parks & Recreation stating their support of this project;
- Park is to be finished prior to the developer starting construction.

R. Fox inquired about the possibility of renaming Hospital Park for this proposal. R. Myers offered that the location is not a desirable one since the Friends Of Hospital Park have spent quite a lot of time and funds to install a new playground unit. We would not want to remove new equipment to replace with newer equipment; it is not a viable option.

R. Myers further stated that while the family intends to pay for the specialized playground equipment, it will ultimately become the City's to maintain in the future.

M. O'Connor stated this would be an opportune park to establish a "Friends Of" group. Further this is a great precedent to set for future requests.

Motion by R. Fox to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approve establishing a park in the memory of the Lillard family members at the proposed development located at the old VFW site;
2nd J. Grove
ALL in favor.

4. Review and discussion of a request by the Frederick Police Department's Community Outreach Specialist to rename Sagner Park and the new skate park within the same. Michelle Bowman presented Kevin Contardi, President and Andrew Brown, both of the Police Activities League (PAL) who offered the following:
 - Community name was changed approximately two (2) years ago to Lucas Village;
 - Working with the Frederick Police Department one of the basketball courts has recently been converted to a street skate park;
 - Proposed name of new skate park is "Chief Kim C. Dine PAL Skate Park";
 - Could be a deed issue to address in the renaming of the park as the original subdivision plats indicated Sagner Park;
 - Will need to file a Plat of Correction officially changing the name;
 - R. Myers stated this has been done before at Rosedale (renamed Kidwiler) and Jimmy McGee Memorial Park in the Old Farm development.
 - Further, be aware that Sagner Park was dedicated as park of Program Open Space funding and he will need to follow up with them to see if changing the name creates any further issues that may need to be addressed.

Motion by J. Grove to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen change the name of "Sagner Park" to "Lucas Village Park" and name the skate park within this park "Chief Kim C. Dine PAL Skate Park";
2nd M. Lawrence
ALL in favor.

5. Review and discussion of an Application for Use of Riverwalk Park on Sunday, May 19, 2013 by Angie Hulton for a "Hockey For Hope" fundraiser with live music. A. Hulton offered:
 - This is a roller hockey tournament fundraising event for "Purple Stride" pancreatic cancer research;
 - 4 – 6 teams to play;
 - Families and kids at the pavilion for a picnic and entertainment;
 - Music is to be acoustic in nature using "low amplification" by several individuals and/or small groups;
 - Event with entertainment is scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lt. DeGrange of the Frederick City Police Department offered information regarding the Noise Ordinance and noted that inspection is complaint driven for such an event. He further stated the concern over parking at this park. With the new section of Schifferstadt Boulevard complete, there is no longer an option to park on the street. A. Hulton stated they will work on a way to notify participants at this event of the parking issues.

R. Myers pointed out the only reason this came before the Commission was because of the request for live music and to give the community an opportunity to address it at a public meeting.

Motion by J. Grove to recommend to staff to approve this application as requested;
2nd M. Lawrence
ALL in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi A. Winterstein
Commission Secretary